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Toshihiko Suenaga *et al.*

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For: FUEL CELL AND FUEL CELL STACK

Examiner: T. M. Dove

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I: Claims 1-9, drawn to a fuel cell having a frame-shaped sealing member at the outer edge of a separator, (class 429, subclass 34); or


Group II: Claims 10-19, drawn to a fuel cell having an insulating member provided around communication holes formed in a separator (class 429, subclass 28).

Accordingly, **Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-9 for continued examination.**

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SIW-031 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: March 12, 2004

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